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AMENDMENT—AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on February 22, 2007, having a threemonth statutory period for response that expired on May 22, 2007, Applicants hereby request an extension of time to respond and offer the following amendment of the claims and remarks in the 08/27/2007 MGEBREM1 00000082 10691731 above-identified application as follows:

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Request for Extension of Time, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this pager.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, a three-month extension of the period for reply, i.e., up to and including August 22, 2006, is respectfully requested. A check in the amount of \$510.00 (small entity) is enclosed in payment of the fee for this request. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee occasioned by this request to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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